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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES CUNNINGHAM, JETTON, QUINN, BEARDEN, SECREST, LUETKENHAUS, MYERS (Co-sponsors), COOPER, LUETKEMEYER, LEVIN, PHILLIPS, KELLEY (47), MOORE, BARNETT, BERKSTRESSER, NORDWALD, CIERPIOT, PURGASON, BARTELSMEYER, CROWELL, ROBIRDS AND MILLER.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 171.021, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 171.021, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 171.021 and 173.057, to read as follows:

171.021. **1.** Every school in this state which is supported in whole or in part by public moneys, during the hours while school is in session, shall display in some prominent place either upon the outside of the school building or upon a pole erected in the school yard the flag of the United States of America.

2. Every school in this state which is supported in whole or in part by public moneys shall recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America at the beginning of each school day prior to the start of class in each classroom. Any pupil or member of the faculty or staff of the school may choose not to participate in the recitation by remaining silent throughout the recitation.

173.057. Every institution of higher education that is supported in whole or in part by public moneys shall recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America at the beginning of each day that class is in session. The provisions of this section shall apply to the first classes in session every morning in every building on such institutions' campuses where higher education classes are held. Any pupil or member of the faculty or staff of the institution may choose not to participate in the recitation by remaining silent throughout the recitation.